

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 18, cancel claims 2, 19, and 21 without disclaimer or prejudice, and add new claims 22 and 23 as follows. The following list of claims replaces all preceding lists of claims.

1. (currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:
a ball;
at least one timer integrated with the ball for measuring at least one predetermined time period;
at least one sound generator integrated with the ball; and
the at least one sound generator for producing at least one sound based on the at least one predetermined time period, and wherein the at least one sound generator produces the at least one sound at the end of the at least one predetermined time period.
2. (canceled)
3. (original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:
the at least one timer is mounted on the surface of the ball.
4. (original) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein:
the at least one sound generator is mounted on the surface of the ball.
5. (original) The apparatus according to claim 1, comprising a reset.
6. (original) The apparatus according to claim 1, comprising a display mounted on the surface of the ball.
7. (original) The apparatus according to claim 1, comprising:
at least one control panel;
the at least one control panel, comprising:
at least one reset; and

at least one count period select.

8. (original) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein at least one of the at least control panels has at least one display.

9. (original) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the at least one reset is a push button.

10. (original) The apparatus according to claim 9, comprising a cover panel.

11. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, comprising:
a receiver integrated with the ball; and
at least one remote control capable of sending signals to the receiver.

12. (original) The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the at least one remote control sends at least a reset signal.

13. (original) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the at least one remote control sends at least a count period select signal.

14. (original) The apparatus according to claim 1, comprising:
a receiver integrated with the ball; and
a proximity controller.

15. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the proximity controller is capable of sending a signal to the receiver when the ball is within a predetermined distance such that the receiver signal actuates a reset.

16. (original) The apparatus according to claim 1, comprising:
a motion detector integrated with the ball.

17. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the motion detector detects motion and actuates a reset on a predetermined motion.

18. (currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:
a ball;
means for measuring at least one predetermined time period; ~~and~~
means for indicating the end of the at least one predetermined time period; ~~and~~
means for resetting the measuring means.

19. (canceled)

20. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 18,
comprising:

means for selecting the at least one predetermined time period.

21. (canceled)

22. (new) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one predetermined time period comprises a plurality of predetermined time periods and the at least one timer integrated with the ball is for measuring a selected one of the at least one predetermined time periods.

23. (new) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the at least one predetermined time period comprises a plurality of predetermined time periods and the means for measuring the at least one predetermined time period measures a selected one of the plurality of predetermined time periods.